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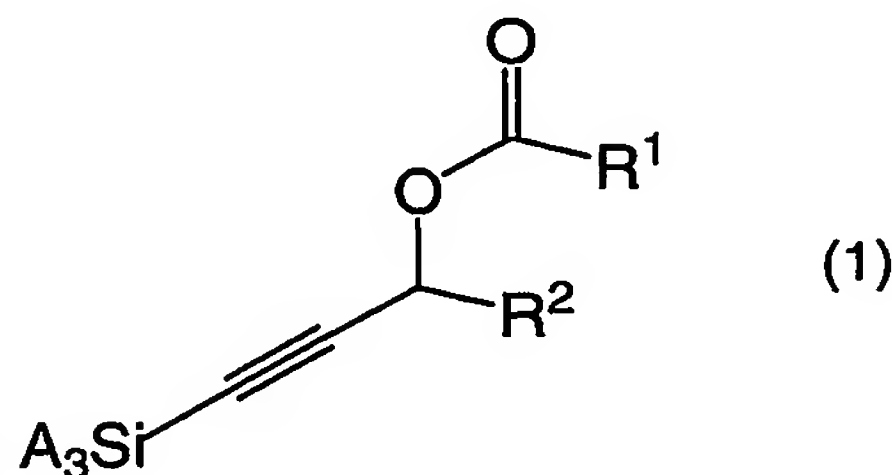
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(57) Abstract: Process for the preparation of an alkyne with formula
 $\text{HC}=\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{OH})-\text{R}^2$ (formula 2) wherein R^2 represents methyl, halomethyl or
ethyl, wherein the corresponding silyl-protected alkyne ester with formula 1
(1) wherein R^1 represents H, or an optionally substituted alkyl, an optionally
substituted alkenyl or an optionally substituted (hetero)aryl group, R^2 is as
defined above and A_3Si represents a trisubstituted silyl group wherein each
A independently represents an optionally substituted alkyl or an optionally
substituted (hetero)aryl group, in the presence of water and at least an equivalent
amount of amine functionalities is converted into the alkyne with formula 2.
Preferably, the amount of water is between 0.5 and 3 equivalents calculated with

respect to the amount of silyl-protected alkyne ester with formula (1).

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